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SCARLET FEVER RE- PORTS MAGNIFIED

Thirteen is a most unlucky number for Tucumcari. The city physician reports that many cases of scarlet fever in Tucumcari and it is distributed in different parts of town. Twelve families are quarantined and two deaths have occurred during the past week. This is official dope and further than this the News reporter knows not.

Just to show how some things are magnified it might be said that one man, said to be a business man of this city, was heard to remark that there were fifty cases of scarlet fever in town and six died Sunday. This made most of us sit up and take notice and after investigating it was found to be far from correct.

Another report was going the round that "unless better care was taken the present supply of coffins would be exhausted in a few days." Four days have passed and but two deaths were reported this week.

If these reports did not leave Tucumcari there would be no use to contradict them, but people, especially from other towns, sometimes like to tell such weird stories about our city and keep prospective investors from coming this way.

The schools have been closed, and all public places of amusement, even the churches, in order to hurriedly stamp out this contagion, and the officers are keeping the children at home therefore a strict quarantine is being conducted, and it is expected that the quarantine will be raised before long as the worst seems to have subsided.

MURDERERS OF AKERS ARE SHOT—DIED CURSING GRINGO

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 23.—Bernardo and Frederick Duran, the Mexican cattle thieves, condemned to die by the Carranza authorities for the killing of Bert Akers at San Lorenzo, a few miles below the international boundary. Friday, were executed at daylight today in the cemetery at the city of Juarez. The body of Akers was interred here this afternoon. The bodies of the Mexicans were buried immediately, but that of Bernardo, who confessed to having fired the shots that killed Akers, was exhumed to satisfy a doubt concerning the identity of the slayer.

Douglas Downs, another American who was with Akers seeking stolen cows, and who escaped the bullets of the Mexicans, declared last night after seeing Bernardo Duran that the prisoner was not the man. Downs was at Juarez cemetery when the face of the executed man was exposed this afternoon and then admitted that he previously had been mistaken. American officials were with Downs, and their certification that the slayer had been duly executed served tonight to calm a feeling at Ysleta where Akers and Downs lived, which authorities believed might result in trouble.

Three Mexicans previously arrested in connection with cattle stealing at Ysleta, were removed to jail in El Paso for protection.

The Duran brothers died cursing Americans. Bernardo appealed for mercy on behalf of his brother Federico.

"It is unjust to kill two of us for one American," he said. "It is giving two eyes for one tooth. I am willing to die, because I killed the gringo but my brother ought to be allowed to live."

The bullets of the firing squad killed Federico, but Bernardo was still conscious after he fell, and the officer commanding the firing squad gave him the "mercy shot" through the head.

The execution was attended by 50 Americans, of whom a number were women.

HELPED MAKE THE COFFINS

Walter Kehoe is home again from Chihuahua, Mexico, where he was employed as electrician by the A. S. & R. Co., at their smelter. Nearly all Americans have been forced out of that territory on account of the disturbances. Walter was personally acquainted with nearly all the men murdered by bandits recently near Santa Isabel, and before leaving Chihuahua helped to construct wooden boxes for the reception of their bodies, but did not receive the remains until brought to El Paso, as he left Chihuahua before they were brought in. A detachment of Carranza soldiers accompanied the train that brought him and the balance of the Americans from Chihuahua. All passengers were armed. Walter has a fund of information about that country, where violets are now in bloom, and does not think it will be long before order is sufficiently restored to permit resumption of the operation of the mine and smelter.—Obar Correspondence in Glenrio Tribune-Progress.

FOR SALE—Five-passenger second-hand Ford, excellent condition; bargain. Apply W. D. Gallaher, at Troup's warehouse.

JUDGE MONCUS' ANSWER

Ima, N. M., Jan. 17, 1916.
Editor The Tucumcari News,
Tucumcari, N. Mex.

Dear Sir:—
I notice a copy of an article published by La Voz Publica of Santa Rosa, N. M., and answered by R. A. Prentice in your paper.

I wish to state that this article is the limit for any newspaper to publish.

Mr. Prentice has ably answered this article, but I wish to make a few statements myself.

A peace complaint against Earl Elliott brought by Segundo Salas, in a change of venue from Montoya. All witnesses appeared on day set for trial. On case being called all witnesses were sworn and examined, with a competent interpreter, sworn to interpret correctly from Spanish into English and from English into Spanish.

The said Segundo Salas at first denied under oath as to ever swearing to this complaint against Earl Elliott and also denied his signature affixed to this said complaint. But finally admitted to his signature but stated he did not accuse Earl Elliott of the things set forth in this complaint. The malicious prosecution showed to be so evident that I dismissed the case at the cost of the complaining witness. But did not assess the defendant's attorney fees against him.

As to the case of Segundo Salas versus Earl Elliott, assault and battery. It appears that the said Earl Elliott had already pleaded guilty to this charge and paid his fine, as this complaint had been filed through error, and the prosecuting witness stated that the case might as well be dismissed, as he thought it would be sooner or later anyway. So there was nothing to do but dismiss the case.

Now as to the defendant's attorney intimidating the prosecuting witness and also the court. A greater falsehood could not be published.

A man that would publish such statements as this article contained, publish them on hearsay, ought not to be allowed to run a newspaper.

No doubt he obtained the substance of the article from a person posing as an attorney, one of these two-by-four kind, who, more than probably, has already been disbarred repeatedly from practicing in any court, from justice court up.

Now as to the race question. This thing had never entered my mind. I believe that the Spanish people should have their rights just the same as other people, and I will always endeavor to give them their just dues. I am perfectly satisfied that when this complaint is brought up before the district court, we will see how badly the prosecuting witness has been treated.

I hope in the future, when this Santa Rosa newspaper wants to print an article, that the editor will have judgment enough, to use a more reliable source of information.

Yours very truly,
R. L. MONCUS
Justice of Peace, Ima, N. M.

MR. ELY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Chairman Ralph C. Ely, of the state republican central committee, in a letter to various republicans in various parts of the state, asks for information about the general republican sentiment. From portions of his letter, published yesterday, it may easily be inferred that Mr. Ely, among other things, would like to get a line on how his own candidacy for the governorship would strike the rank and file of the republicans.

It is possible that the idea might be received with favor by a good many of the rank and file. It is, however, hardly likely that Mr. Ely will be nominated by the republicans for governor. It isn't the rank and file who do these things. Mr. Ely is something else again from those men who are running the republican party in this state. His nomination would mean a new deal in the party; and it is unnecessary to state that the present kind of a deal is vastly satisfactory to the G. O. P. general managers. Mr. Ely is entirely too advanced in his ideas as to education, development, political methods and so forth to be considered safe and sane. Mr. Ely isn't going to be nominated.

In which case, if we were Mr. Ely we should conclude that it was time for a well organized effort to do a little house cleaning with the republican party; either with a vacuum cleaner from the inside or with a fire hose from the outside. We don't know what his plans are; but we have a hunch he has a deep conviction that his brand of Republicanism is just as good or better than that of Mr. Bursum, Mr. Springer, Mr. Spiess, Mr. Romero and others. If that conviction is strong enough there is a possibility that Mr. Ely may prove a most useful agent in remodeling the political situation in this state.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

The merchants report good business this winter and are expecting another good year. New goods are arriving every day in car-load lots and Tucumcari merchants can compete with any place on earth. Some newcomers say meat sells cheaper here than in the east and other household necessities are as low as possible.

PROMINENT COUPLE MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Miss Hannah Bonem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bonem, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Chas. Kohn, of Montoya, Wednesday evening, January 26th, at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Martin Zielanka, of El Paso, Texas, officiating.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white, while the groom wore conventional black. The ring ceremony was used and the room was gorgeously decorated with flowers and other ornamentation. Only immediate relatives and friends of both families were in attendance, but the affair was one of the most beautiful and elaborate ceremonies ever witnessed in our little city.

After the ceremony was over the dinner served at the Vorenberg Hotel, where special preparations had been made to serve the guests, was announced and all repaired to the hotel where a bountiful repast, served in courses, was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kohn left on the Golden State Limited for various points in the east where they will spend the honeymoon. They expect to be gone until about the 10th of March.

Both the contracting parties received many beautiful and costly presents. The groom's present to the bride, was a costly gold platinum set with diamonds, which she wore at the wedding.

The many friends wish them an enjoyable honeymoon and a happy and prosperous life together.

JUDGE McELROY ABHORRS A NEIGHBORHOOD FUSS

Judge McElroy, usually one of the best natured fellows one would care to meet, was somewhat out of sorts last Saturday all day. It seems that some person called to see him on Friday evening and had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of one of his neighbors charging him with beating and assaulting a neighbor woman.

The Judge drew the complaint and failed to get service that night, but everybody in that end of town knew about the case, even the man upon whom the warrant was to have been served, but he stood his ground and welcomed the officer the next day.

The man was brought before his honor, the Judge, Saturday morning, and he plead not guilty and said he was not ready for the trial and asked that same be put off until Monday. After fixing the bond for appearance the case was set for Monday morning and Judge McElroy requested that the plaintiff bring nothing but the witnesses to attend the trial and his wish was carried out because of the fact that he has a way of making his wishes understood.

The trial resulted in both sides being found guilty to a certain extent, but the man was given a good lecture and allowed to go providing he promised to be good.

DIVERSIFIED CROPS

Agricultural College, N. M., Jan. 20.—Diversified crops, together with the hog, cow and hen, are the salvation of dry farmers in New Mexico. This belief was subscribed to by agricultural experts and practical farmers, gathered together at the Farmers' Congress held at the Agricultural College during the first week in January. It is conceded that the value of diversified crops, and of the hog, cow and hen as mortgage lifters and dividend payers, is generally realized by the people of the dry farming sections of the state. It is possible, however, that it is not generally known that the services of the entire staff of teachers and experts of the Agricultural College and Experiment Station are always at the disposal of the farmers, who are invited to ask by mail at any time for information, instruction and advice regarding any difficulty in connection with farm management, crops, livestock, poultry, or any disease affecting grains, fruit or livestock. Extensive experiments have been made on dry farming problems, with a view to placing the Agricultural College in a position to offer definite, helpful advice to those who need it. It is the aim of Dr. George E. Ladd, president of the college, to render service to the people of the state and assurance is given that the College and Experiment Station is ready and at any time will gladly co-operate in every way possible with those who submit farm troubles by correspondence.

"PREVENT CLAIMS MEETING"

The regular monthly meeting of the depot agents of this division was held at Dalhart last week. The meeting was termed a "Prevent Claims Meeting" and many topics were discussed. Mr. Devor attended from this place. A number of the agents up that way had heard about the change mentioned in this paper two weeks ago, when we said the division superintendent's offices would be moved shortly from Dalhart and Amarillo to Tucumcari, where they would be concentrated for economical purposes.

LAND SWINDLERS AT WORK IN EAST

Evidently swindlers are taking advantage of the emigration from the east to New Mexico and one of their methods is selling large tracts of land to unsuspecting parties at a small sum of money per acre.

H. J. Boyles, a well-to-do man, of Avard, Okla., was here this week to look at some land he had bought from parties in Wichita, Kansas. The contract was made with Roach Bros., of Wichita, for J. A. Koontz, of the same place.

Mr. Koontz was an old, feeble man, who claimed to own thousands of acres of land in Quay county, situated near where Endee and Logan are now located. The Roach Bros. claimed to have just closed another deal whereby Mr. Koontz had sold several thousand acres of this grazing land to a gentleman at Winfield, Kansas, but still had much more for sale. Mr. Boyles took option on fifteen sections and was to pay \$1.50 per acre. He had known Roach Bros., and believed them truthful, but before he would close the deal he must first see the land and ascertain whether it was as represented.

He arrived as directed, at Endee, instead of Logan, and found the land located just as was represented, but what bothered him most was the fact that homesteaders had taken possession of this section of the country, and he knew there must be a mistake somewhere, so he boarded a train for Tucumcari. When he arrived here he telegraphed Roach Bros. and said he could not find the place and asked to be re-directed. The answer came and these directions were the same as before. He then called on some of the local real estate men and inquired of Mr. Donohoo at the land office. It did not take long to convince him that he would not find this land.

A few months ago another buyer was sent here on the same errand. What Roach Bros. and Koontz are making out of this deal is not known, but they are not working for their health, because such business as this is not usually very healthful, especially when they are found out. Mr. Boyles promises to get a little expensive money out of the deal, and perhaps by the time he gets home he will decide to turn the rascals in to the proper authorities.

Whenever a man expects to get something for nothing there is a nigger in the woodpile somewhere and some fellow is bound to get "stung." New Mexico has good land cheap but the day of buying large acreages is about past, and especially at \$1.50 an acre.

WIFE WILL NOT EAT UNLESS CITY FEEDS HUSBAND

A new comer to Tucumcari has become intimately acquainted with the officials by his persistent begging for food. He has a wife and children and says he formerly lived in Oklahoma. He found a half dug-out north of the track and moved his family there for the winter it is thought.

The man is in very good health considering, but is looking for a job, not work, but just a common job, with wages attached to it. The other day a man approached this newcomer and wanted him to work for him. The day was Friday and of course that being an unlucky day he could not consent to a thing like that, but the worst of it all is that this family has no money with which to buy grub, so an officer is detailed to go over and bring the kids to town and feed them at a restaurant. The wife refuses to come unless her husband is invited. The husband refuses to let the officers take his wife food unless he is to share it with her.

Some of the councilmen have received threats of serious consequence unless the city furnishes him food, and he has sent the marshal word that he has been bothered enough and unless they cease to visit his new acquired home they will have a more serious charge than vagrancy to place to his credit. He has never told how many cemeteries he has inaugurated back in Oklahoma but this paper is promised something sensational if he is not given his daily bread.

LOOK FOR SMALL POX HOBBO

A report was turned in Monday that a hobo was going from house to house asking for something to eat, that his face was broken out with some disease very much like the small-pox.

The officers armed themselves with disinfectants and proceeded to look for Mr. Hobbo, but no trace of him was found.

If a ghost were to come to Tucumcari just now, there is no telling what would happen to some superstitious folks, but let us hope nothing more serious happens. It hurts our business men financially, to start false reports, and Tucumcari citizens cannot afford to drive her customers to other towns to trade unless it is unsafe for them to come here. Think twice before you speak, and you will never be far wrong.

THE FALL RESOLUTION

The State Department, it is said, is busily engaged in making its compliance with the Fall resolution, which the Senate passed the other day. The answer, it is said, will be full, meaning thereby that every vestige of curiosity expressed in that resolution will be satisfied. More than that might, with entire propriety, be done. The answer might be made not only full, but overflowing. For the Fall resolution, among other things, calls for a record of outrages committed in Mexico against Americans since the overthrow of Madero, whereas the outrages began at a much earlier date. Just why the republicans are less eager for the publication of the data of these earlier outrages has not been explained, but one will be at no loss for the reason when one recalls that those of earlier date were committed during the administration of Mr. Taft.

The motive in bringing this fact to the recollection of the average man is to suggest a consideration of the sincerity of those Senators who are now clamoring for war and intervention. For the policy of President Taft was precisely the policy of President Wilson. That is, Mr. Taft refused to send a half million Americans into Mexico, just as Mr. Wilson is refusing. Instead, Mr. Taft officially and urgently advised Americans in Mexico to leave the country, and provided means for doing so, just again, as Mr. Wilson is doing. It will be seen, therefore, that the policy of the Democratic President is not merely analogous to that of his Republican predecessor, but in the substantial sense, identical with it. The policy of Mr. Wilson, in other words, is but a continuation of that of Mr. Taft, with no more variation than is needed to meet a situation so fluid. Mr. Taft was the original watchful waiter; Mr. Wilson's contribution was only the phrase by which it has come to be identified.

However, this recalls but one of the paragraphs in that chapter of history.

Then, as now, there were those in the Senate who demanded intervention in the name of patriotism, and there were those who denounced the demand in the name of the same name. It was Senator Stone of Missouri who led the cry for intervention. It was Senator Lodge of Massachusetts who led the denunciation of that cry. The subsequent careers of their sentiments are made the more curious by the circumstance that their conversion to the contrary view was coeval enough to be called simultaneous. In other words, it was very shortly after the responsibilities of the Mexican situation devolved on a Democratic President that the Democratic Senator from Missouri underwent a Pauline conversion, and virtually at that instant the Republican Senator underwent what may be called the Saulian conversion. He who had roared as a lion learned with marvelous suddenness to coo as a dove, while he who had cooed learned to roar even more loudly.

NEW BUSINESS BLOCK

P. H. Sisney reports the sale of two business lots to parties in Kansas. These lots are located on the corner of 1st and Main streets, formerly owned by the Blanton estate, but purchased by Mr. Wheatley of Amarillo, at a public sale. The price paid was \$5000.

These parties will soon let a contract for the erection of a \$25,000.00 theatre building. It will be two stories high, the upper being made especially for the Moose lodge.

The new building will be of reinforced concrete and promises to be one of the best business blocks in our city.

Mr. Sisney says this is the beginning of a new era for Tucumcari and this year will perhaps see many more modern store rooms built.

LYE CAUSES DEATH OF BOY

About nine months ago Clifford, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Armstrong, of Cuervo, accidentally drank some concentrated lye, and was thought to have nearly recovered his former health, when his stomach gave him distress. His throat was nearly closed when he was brought to this city for medical treatment. He had been here but two weeks when he was suddenly taken worse and died within a few hours.

The remains were taken to Cuervo Monday in Mr. Adair's auto, where the funeral was held.

TWO CHILDREN DIE

Scarlet fever claimed the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams last Sunday morning, after an illness of but a few days. On Monday following the little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams died of the same disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have the sympathy of the entire community in this sad bereavement as it certainly seems like they have had more than their share of sadness in the taking of two of their little children.

J. P. Hogland and D. D. Branson, were here from Kirk today and report plenty of moisture from the recent snow to insure good crops.

N. V. Gallegos and family are moving to Santa Rosa this week, where they expect to make their future home.

FREIGHT RATES TO BE DISCUSSED MONDAY

Next Monday is the date when our merchants will have a chance to tell their trouble to the commission who now has under consideration the question of readjustment of class rates locally within the State of New Mexico, so now is the time to tell your troubles to someone who might help your pocket book. If you are satisfied with the present freight rates then stay at home, or in your store, but if you would like to have the rate made uniform with that of Texas and other states, prepare something to submit to the commission next Monday when it meets in Tucumcari in the office of R. A. Prentice.

An example which will show that we are not getting a fair deal was related to a News reporter today. The speaker was a well informed man and spoke of his personal experience.

He lived in Illinois and desired to move to Tucumcari. He asked what it would cost to send his household goods here by freight. He lived more than 100 miles this side of Chicago. The rate to Tucumcari was more than that charged from Chicago to El Paso and the goods would have been sent over the same road but hauled nearly 500 miles farther. In fact this man could have billed his furniture through via El Paso, thence back to Tucumcari, cheaper than shipping direct to Tucumcari.

This is only one incident showing the discrimination of the railroads to points in New Mexico. If there is money in hauling freight to El Paso the railroads surely could afford to make the same rate to Tucumcari it does to Texas points.

Some of the merchants of Tucumcari who order goods in carload lots have the car billed to Glenrio, then have same re-billed from that place to Tucumcari, thus saving considerable money but losing some time in having the car delayed.

These circumstances show there is something wrong somewhere and if the citizenship of New Mexico will get together, or even partially so, this fault can and will be remedied.

GLENRIO SHIPPING MAIZE

AND CORN BY THE CAR LOAD

Glenrio, N. M., Jan. 19.—Murray & Brown have shipped another car of maize and one of corn from Glenrio. While hundreds of tons of maize leave here each season, this car of corn was the first to go from this district. In past years the farmers confined themselves to maize, kafir corn, etc., but the past season Indian corn took a prominent lead and the results have been so gratifying the farmers are likely to double their acreage this year. Many fields run 30 to 35 bushels per acre, and considering it is homestead land, the tiller of the soil is far better conditioned than people living on rented places in the east, where the yield is no greater. Murray & Brown expect to load out several more cars of corn.

J. D. Phipps, who lives on a farm 6½ miles from town has made a splendid record feeding hogs on maize. He fed 5 tons of maize and 20 bushels of corn to finish three hogs. Figuring the local grain market at \$10 per ton for maize and 50 cents per bushel for corn, his grain, sold as feed, would have brought him \$60. He fed the three porkers and realized \$180.

DON'T BE A CURB STONER

Don't let yourself be classed with the men who set around and wait until the efforts and advertising of other active dealers has brought some prospective people into your town and then hang around the incoming trains and hotels and approach these people with the assertion "If you are looking for good farms I have them and will sell them cheaper than any man in town." You might as well slip around and steal the man's money or break into his smoke house and get bacon. This is no way to do a real estate business. It is unfair and dishonest. You will not only fail to make a deal but will in most cases be the means of keeping the other fellow from making the sale. Be a man of honor and go after your business in a business like way. Secure your own prospects by advertising your propositions and have the satisfaction of a clear conscience and establish for yourself the reputation of an honest dealer, which will encourage honest dealers to co-operate with you and will mean much more profitable business to you than you could ever hope to steal from your brother dealer.—Belle, Mo., Real Estate Dealer.

PERFECT ORGANIZATION

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 25.—At one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of its kind ever held in New Mexico, the Stockmen's Guaranty Loan Co. perfected its organization at a meeting of stockholders in the company's building here Saturday afternoon. The meeting was attended by prominent stock growers from almost every county in the state.